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I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled DUCT CONNECTOR APPARATUS AND METHOD (Attorney Docket No. 018695-9284-00), the specification of which was filed with my authority, on January 11, 2002 as Application Serial No. 10/044,803.

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